

members of his family welcomed him home to Minnesota along with a traditional water salute on the airstrip of Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport. Neal Todd was finally returned to his hometown of Akeley, Minnesota, 80 years after his death for a funeral service before being buried in his final resting place next to his mother and father.

I hope my fellow Members of Congress can join me in honoring Navy Fireman First Class Neal K. Todd and commend the efforts by the DOD and families like Neal's in bringing our honorable lost back home to rest. I thank them.

RECOGNIZING MR. JAMES "JIM"  
HAROLD RABBERS

**HON. FRED UPTON**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 3, 2021*

Mr. UPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Mr. James "Jim" Harold Rabbers of Stevensville, Michigan who passed away on October 11, 2021.

Jim was a true Michigander through and through. He was a loving husband, and caring father and friend to all. Born and raised in Southwest Michigan, he attended Lakeshore High School and went on to attend Western Michigan University. After college, Jim went on to sell insurance and build warm relationships throughout the Stevensville community. He was a fan of all sports and had a special place in his heart for the Wolverines. He could talk sports all day long, but his real gift was forming friendships that stood the test of time.

Jim participated in sports throughout high school and played and officiated intramural sports in college. He even met the love of his life, Mary, playing softball and volleyball at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Mary had just come into town as a new teacher at a local school. The pair quickly bonded over their love of sports and competitive spirits and married in the summer of 1986. They became parents to four wonderful children: Derek Rabbers (Claire), Chelsea Rabbers, Megan Spaude (Jason), and Travis Rabbers. Jim and Mary have been blessed with three grandchildren: Wesley, Jay and Samuel Rabbers.

Jim is survived by his wife, four children, daughter and son-in-law, three grandchildren, his brothers: Thom (Rhonda) Rabbers and Dan (Diana) Rabbers, his sisters: Susan (Robert) Vandervleit and Jodi Rabbers, as well as a number of extended family members.

HONORING THE HEROIC SERVICE  
OF 2020 VETERAN OF THE YEAR  
GARTH D. LLOYD

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 3, 2021*

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Garth D. Lloyd for his recognition as the 2020 Veteran of the Year.

Garth Lloyd was born and raised in Rochester, New York. In 1969, Mr. Lloyd was drafted into the U.S. Army and deployed to Vietnam with the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regi-

ment, 25th Infantry Division as an 11 Bravo, Infantryman. Coincidentally, Mr. Lloyd's former battalion is now assigned to 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum.

While bravely defending his country, Mr. Lloyd was seriously wounded in action by a booby trap on February 12, 1970 and evacuated to the United States. Subsequently, Garth was medically discharged as a Specialist 4th class. For his courageous service, Mr. Lloyd was awarded the Purple Heart, Air Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal.

After the war, Mr. Lloyd continued to serve his community by working at the water treatment plant in the city of Saratoga Springs. Upon his retirement in 2012, Garth began volunteering at the Saratoga County VA Mentor Program, where he served as a mentor and friend to numerous disabled veterans. Mr. Lloyd has also spent many years volunteering his time as a docent at the New York State Military Museum. He works closely with the Docent Advisory Committee and the education opportunity program, which engages middle and high school students visiting the museum. Mr. Lloyd, and his wife Diane, have instilled their commitment to service in their son, a physician's assistant at Albany Medical Center, and their three grandchildren.

The Veteran of the Year Award is a prestigious recognition co-sponsored by the Friends of the New York State Military Museum and the Capital District of New York Chapter of the Association of the United States Army. Garth Lloyd has led a life devoted to selfless service and volunteerism and it is clear why he was chosen as the 2020 Veteran of the Year. On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank Garth for his service and congratulate him on his recognition as the 2020 Veteran of the Year.

RECOGNIZING HANEEN OMAR FOR  
HER SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY

**HON. JASON CROW**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 3, 2021*

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Haneen Omar. A brilliant entrepreneur and dedicated civil servant, Haneen has made it her life's work to aid the underprivileged and make our community a better place to live.

Many American families struggle to find quality caregiving for their loved-ones, forcing them to shoulder the immense responsibility themselves. In 2016, Haneen recognized this need in our community and founded the 2nd Home Adult Day Service Center of Aurora to provide the elderly and individuals with disabilities daytime programming, emotional support, and assistance with healthcare issues. Haneen designed 2nd Home to provide the highest quality care to these individuals so family members and caregivers can take a break and relieve stress—all while maintaining the much-needed peace of mind that their loved ones are in safe hands.

Haneen did not stop there. In 2019, she founded Helm Community Services (HCS), and this past August, HCS organized the second annual "Taste of the Middle East" festival

to celebrate the Middle Eastern culture that is such a rich part of our community. Community members from every walk of life came together to listen to Middle Eastern artists and try Middle Eastern staples like Manoshe, Turkish Coffee Cup Reading, Henna, and delicious food from local restaurants. Our community is stronger for its embrace of diversity.

Throughout Haneen's career, she has been a tireless advocate for those who are all-too-often marginalized. Driven by her mission to bring the community together—regardless of beliefs, race, or cultural background—Haneen has found unbelievable strength in differences and diversity. I congratulate Haneen on her incredible achievements and express my sincere gratitude for her dedication, leadership, and service to our community.

HONORING LAKE FOREST CHARTER  
SCHOOL OF NEW ORLEANS,  
LOUISIANA

**HON. TROY A. CARTER**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 3, 2021*

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize New Orleans' own Lake Forest Charter School and its designation as a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.

This is the second time in the last decade that Lake Forest has received this honor, only one of eight in the entire state of Louisiana and one of 325 schools across the nation.

This recognition is particularly important because Lake Forest Charter School is fairly unique among the list of Blue Ribbon schools.

The student population is 99 percent students of color, and 71 percent of students come from economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Lake Forest Charter School is a living example of how schools can create a space that allows their students to thrive and succeed at the highest levels.

This week, Blue Ribbon Schools are being celebrated at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. hosted by the Department of Education.

It is my sincere honor to add my voice to the chorus of congratulations for Lake Forest's students, teachers, and staff.

Additionally, I want to add a special acknowledgment for Mardele Simmons Early, who is a recipient of the 2021 Terrel H. Bell Award for Outstanding School Leadership. Congratulations.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF  
CHARLES LOUIS GUBITOSI

**HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 3, 2021*

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of Charles Louis Gubitosi. Born on November 11, 1926 and growing up in Newfield, New Jersey. Mr. Gubitosi joined the Navy at the young age of seventeen during World War II, answering the call to serve. Upon leaving the service at the